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## Meyer, Williams Win Decisive Board Race

In a decisive election, Board of Education President Felton Williams and Vice President Jon Meyer kept their board seats last week, each beating opponents by margins of about two to one.

Unofficial election-night results showed Meyer, who represents District 4, earning 3,775 votes, or 58.9 percent. His two opponents, Karen Thomas Hilburn and Paul Crost, received 27 percent and 14 percent of the vote, respectively. Despite running against two opponents, Meyer earned the necessary majority to avoid a runoff election in June, defeating Hilburn by a margin of more than two to one, and beating Crost by a margin of more than four to one.

Williams defeated his sole opponent, Rosa Diaz, by a margin of nearly two to one. President Williams earned 1,997 votes, or 64.6 percent, with Diaz receiving 35.5 percent.

Meyer and Williams begin new four-year terms in July.

## State Group Honors School Psychologist

Jeanne Anne Carriere, a school psychologist for the Long Beach Unified School District, has earned a regional award from the California Association of School Psychologists.

Carriere received the Nadine M. Lambert Outstanding School Psychologist Award at the organization's recent annual convention.

"I was excited and honored," said Carriere, a former teacher who still finds tremendous satisfaction working directly with students.

"When you're able to work as a team to help a student become academically and socially successful, that's extremely rewarding," said Carriere, who works at Poly High School and Burbank Elementary School.

The award recognizes contributions school psychologists make to schools, students and the profession. Carriere, who also teaches psychology and counseling at Chapman University, won the award for the greater Los Angeles region.

Carriere is known for expanding her role as school psychologist well beyond testing students and making recommendations for special education services, volunteering her time beyond the school day to make certain that students are well served.

The state association, with 3,000 members, is the largest such association in the nation.



Carriere

## State Announces Eight Distinguished Schools

Eight schools in the Long Beach Unified School District have won the state's top honor for public schools, the 2008 California Distinguished School Award. The eight schools are among 343 statewide winners announced recently by Jack O'Connell, state superintendent of public instruction.

Alvarado, Emerson, Gant, Henry, Lee, Lowell and Roosevelt elementary schools won the award, along with Cubberley K-8 School. The winners will be recognized May 16 during a ceremony at the Disneyland Hotel.

This year, the selection criteria for the Distinguished School program were more stringent than ever. Schools completed an extensive narrative application. Teams of experts then visited the schools to verify the information in the application.

"Most heartening, many of the schools we are recognizing as the 'best of the best' have overcome significant educational challenges, showing that it is possible to provide opportunities for success to all students," O'Connell said.

California Distinguished School Award winners must demonstrate high academic expectations for all students, achievement above state

standards, strong leadership, competent and caring teachers focused on standards, and outstanding curriculum.

Statewide winners also must show exemplary family involvement and partnerships with the business community, comprehensive guidance and counseling services, ample support for students with a wide range of needs, and a safe learning environment that promotes citizenship, caring, fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness.

A total of 38 Long Beach Unified School District schools have now earned this top state honor. Among this year's eight winners, Emerson, Henry and Lee schools are first-time recipients. The other five schools are repeat winners.



## Hudson K-8 School to Offer IB College Prep

Hudson K-8 School has gained authorization to offer the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, bringing the rigorous, internationally recognized college preparatory system to the Westside school. Hudson is the first school in the Long Beach Unified School District, and one of only 10 schools in California, to earn the primary years authorization from the IB organization.

Implementation begins immediately with all 700 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Along with providing rigorous academics, IB helps students to understand and appreciate people from other countries and cultures. At Hudson, the program includes Spanish classes for all students.

Like Advanced Placement courses, IB high school courses are rigorous college preparatory classes. IB high school courses are honored at the best universities throughout the world as indicative of outstanding academic training. Hudson's new program will help to prepare students for rigorous middle school and high school work. The authorization at Hudson came after an intensive three-year application and review.

"We were thrilled to receive the notification," Hudson Principal Wendy Clafin said. "This program gives meaning to the term 'world class education.' It's a great opportunity for our students and staff."

Before authorizing the program, IB officials analyze the school's existing resources and visit the school to monitor a trial IB program. Teachers and the principal receive IB-coordi-

nated training before and after the IB authorization.

Long Beach first began offering IB in 1992 at Jordan High School, where students can earn the International Diploma, a designation that is recognized by the world's leading universities.

The International Baccalaureate Organization was established in the 1960s to provide curriculum for children of ambassadors worldwide so they might receive uniform, high-quality preparation for college. IB has since grown and has been offered at selected public and private schools throughout the world.

Earlier this school year, the Long Beach Unified School District also earned a \$2.9 million U.S. Department of Education Magnet School Grant that will help to implement IB programs at Dooley Elementary School and Lindsey Middle School.

Hudson, a California Distinguished School, is now working to obtain IB authorization for students in sixth through eighth grades by next year.

Visit [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org) to learn more.

## Coffee With Chris

The Long Beach Unified Family Committee will meet Monday, April 21 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Jordan High School Library.

The informal meetings encourage open dialogue between employers and Superintendent Chris Steinhauser.

## School Board Votes To Oppose State Cuts

The Long Beach Unified School District Board of Education adopted a formal resolution this week strongly opposing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's 2008-09 budget proposal.

Under the proposed state budget, LBUSD would lose millions of dollars in 2008-09 due to the suspension of Proposition 98. California voters approved – and continue to strongly support – Proposition 98 to protect schools and students from harmful budget cuts and to establish a minimum level of education funding, the resolution stated.

The school district already has cut more than \$92 million in recent years.

"The budget problem was not created by our students, and fixing the problem should not come at the expense of their educational progress and success," the resolution further stated.

California spends \$1,900 less per student than the national average, according to recently released reports.

## The Job Board

- Gompers K-8 School has an opening for a GATE certified English language arts teacher, Grade 8. To interview, call Gray Lange, principal, at ext. 3605.
- Millikan High School is seeking a chemistry teacher for the QUEST (GATE) program. Contact Don Keller, co-principal, ext. 4102 to express interest by Friday, May 2.
- Willard Elementary has an opening for a fourth grade Dual Immersion teacher for Fall 2008. Candidates must have BCLAD Certification. Send letters of interest to Linda Fletcher, principal. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 30.
- Applications are now being accepted at the Personnel Commission, 999 Atlantic Ave., for autism services supervisor, high school office supervisor and school support secretary.

## Dates to Remember

May	
	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month
	National Physical Fitness and Sports Month
1	Law Day
1	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Adventures in Poetry II," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
2	Holocaust Remembrance Day
2	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Paper Sculpture," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
4-10	Teacher Appreciation Week
5	Cinco de Mayo
6	National Teacher Day
6-12	National Nurses' Week
7	National School Nurses' Day
8	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "The Paper Crane," Grades K-3, ed.tv 8
9	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Southeast Asia: How Does Change Occur?" Grades 6-12, ed.tv 8
11	Mothers Day
13	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "You Can Refuse," Grades 5-8, ed.tv 8
14	California Day of the Teacher
15-21	Reading is Fun Week
15	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Total War," Grades 9-12, ed.tv 8
16	10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "High School Graduation—A Day You Will Never Forget," Grades 6-8, ed.tv 8
17	Armed Forces Day
18-24	Classified Employee Week
18-24	National Educational Bosses' Week
21	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00 – "Memorial Day/Veterans Day," Grades K-5, ed.tv 8
28	8:00, 10:15, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00; 29 - 10:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 – "Adventures in Poetry III," Grades 3-6, ed.tv 8
26	Memorial Day



**ENRICHING EXPERIENCE** – Registration is taking place for the Summer Enrichment Program for students in grades 1 through 8. Sessions run from June 23 to July 10 and from July 14 to 31. Classes meet Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is \$215 per session. For more information, call 218-0493, ext. 228.

## Grease at Cabrillo

Cabrillo High School will present its first musical production, *Grease*, on Thursday, May 1, and Friday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium. Tickets are on sale now, \$8 for students and \$10 for adults. For tickets or more information, call 951-7700 ext. 7992.

## Grease at Lakewood

Lakewood High School will present the musical *Grease* on Friday, April 25, Saturday, April 26, Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. Tickets are on sale now, \$8.50 general admission and \$6 for students, seniors and presale. For tickets or more information, call Ralph Siemsen at 425-1281.

## In Memoriam

**Cecelia Osborn**  
former literacy curriculum leader  
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## Credential Current?

All certificated employees are required to keep their credentials and permits current at all times. The State of California does not allow a single minute of service without the valid credential or permit. If employees allow a credential or permit to expire, or if they do not provide the state with evidence of meeting renewal requirements, they cannot remain in paid status in California public school districts.

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires all clear, professional and professional clear credential holders to renew their credentials online. The process requires access to the Internet and payment by VISA or MasterCard. Go to <https://teachercred.ctc.ca.gov> and select "Renew Credentials." Employees who have questions about their credentials may contact a credential services specialist for assistance at ext. 8008.

## 'All Star' Barbecue

The deadline to nominate colleagues for Classified Employee of the Year is Friday, April 25. The top winner and other finalists will be honored at noon during this year's Classified Employee Celebration. The sports-themed barbecue is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 23 at the Teacher Resource Center, 1299 E. 32nd Street.

Employees should park in the Circuit City parking lot at Spring Street and California Avenue. Continuous shuttles will run from the parking area to TRC. Shuttles also will depart from various school district sites. Parking will not be available at TRC, except for permit holders. Look for more transportation details in a flier to be distributed the first week in May and in a future *School Bulletin*.

## Teacher of the Year

A meeting for teachers interested in applying for 2008-09 Teacher of the Year will be held Thursday, April 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Teacher Resource Center, Room 2.

Attendees will receive an application and a timeline of relevant deadlines, review eligibility criteria and receive assistance with the application process.

For information or to reserve a place at the meeting, call Fran Pfeiffer at ext. 2901.

## Hi-Hill Celebrates 60

Hi-Hill Outdoor School will celebrate its 60th year at its Angeles National Forest location on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Former staff, teachers and all other friends of Hi-Hill are invited.

For more information or to request a registration form, contact principal Donald Beaver at [dbeaver@lbschools.net](mailto:dbeaver@lbschools.net) or (626) 449-6984.

## Names in the News

Artwork produced by Reid High School student **Ana Frausto** was chosen as the official logo of Long Beach Kids Connection. Her logo will appear on all official Kids Connection communications and will be featured at the organization's summer fundraiser.